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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S FOREIGN POLICY PROPOSALS ENDORSED

REF: A. NASSAU 1846 B. NASSAU 1830

1. A WORK SHOP COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT THE 20TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PLP AND CHAIRED BY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADDERLEY HAS ENDORSED, AS EXPECTED, THE FOREIGN POLICY PROPOSALS OUTLINED BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS SPEECH OF OCTOBER 28 (REFTEL A). THE FOLLOWING ARE MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES DEALT WITH IN ADDERLEY'S LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT:

(A) FACILITIES. "COMMITTEE RECOGNIZES THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ANY SECURITY FORCE (REFTEL B) WOULD INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURE AND IN THIS CONTEXT CONSIDERED THE PRESENCE IN THE BAHAMAS OF U.S. MILITARY RESEARCH FACILITIES CONNECTED WITH THEIR GLOBAL MARINE DEFENSE STRATEGY AND SECURITY. WHILE THE COMMITTEE SAW NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SUCH FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS, THEIR PRESENCE OUGHT ONLY TO BE CONTINUED ON THE BASIS OF SUBSTANTIAL CONSIDERATION WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE FISCAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY OF THE BAHAMAS."

(B) FISHERIES. "THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT A PARAMOUNT

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PREREQUISITE TO THE SUCCESSFUL PURSUIT OF A COURSE OF PEACE

WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL SECURITY FORCE TO PROTECT OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND IN PARTICULAR TO PREVENT ILLEGAL FISHING WITHIN BAHAMIAN TERRITORY AND TO PREVENT BREACHES OF BAHAMIAN IMMIGRATION LAWS BY FOREIGN NATIONALS THEREBY CREATING A STABLE ATMOSPHERE FREE FROM FRICTION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS." "THE COMMITTEE IS FURTHER OF THE OPINION THAT A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR TO THE PROTECTION OF OUR FISHING GROUNDS IS THE EXPEDITIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF A LARGER BAHAMIAN FISHING FLEET WHICH WILL BE CAPABLE OF OCCUPYING THE FISHING GROUNDS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE GO UNOCCUPIED AND THEREFORE BECOME MORE ATTRACTIVE TO POACHERS."

(C) LAW OF SEA. "THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO SECURE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ARCHIPELAGIC PRINCIPLES AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE BAHAMAS INCLUDING SOME CONTROL OVER INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING PASSING THROUGH OUR ARCHIPELAGO BUT IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE INTEREST OF OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS AND OUR EFFORTS TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CENTER." THE COMMITTEE ENDORSES THE SUPPORT WHICH THE BAHAMAS HAS GIVEN TO THE CONCEPT OF A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE AROUND THE BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO BUT NOTED THAT THE GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE BAHAMAS TO ITS NEIGHBORS MEANT THE OVERLAPPING ECONOMIC ZONES OF OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES NECESSITATED SHARING THE DISTANCE IN HALF WITH ALL OUR RELEVANT NEIGHBORS."

(D) ECONOMIC INTEREST. "THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE PROPOSITION THAT AT ALL TIMES THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATIONS IN THE FORMULATION OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS WILL BE THE ECONOMIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL WELLBEING OF THE BAHAMIAN PEOPLE. THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THAT IN THIS CONTEXT OUR POLICY OUGHT TO BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAINTAIN OUR FRIENDSHIPS WITH COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN OUR TRADITIONAL MARKET FOR TOURISTS AND CAPITAL WHILE EXPANDING OUR SOURCES OF BOTH WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE COMMITTEE ENDORSES THE PROPOSITION THAT THE BAHAMAS OUGHT TO DIVERSIFY ITS CULTURAL CONTACTS WITH ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND PURSUE A TRADING POLICY WHICH WILL RELIEVE DEPENDENCE ON ANY SINGLE SOURCE OF IMPORTED GOODS IN PARTICULAR WHERE SUCH DIVERSIFICATION WOULD REDUCE THE COSTS TO THE BAHAMIAN CONSUMER OF IMPORTED GOODS."

(E) SELF-DETERMINATION. "THE COMMITTEE ENDORSES THE CONTINUING SUPPORT WHICH THE BAHAMAS HAS GIVEN TO THE RISE OF ALL COLONIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND IN PARTICULAR THE CURRENT EFFORTS OF BELIZE TO INDEPENDENCE AND TO PROTECT ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

(F) IRS PROBE. "THE COMMITTEE ENDORSES THE PROPOSITION THAT THE BAHAMAS WILL OPPOSE THE DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE OF ONE STATE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANY OTHER STATE INCLUDING ANY UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WHICH IS CALCULATED TO EFFECT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BAHAMAS BY A FOREIGN STATE IN THE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND LAWFUL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE
BAHAMAS."

2. COMMENT: ADDERLEY'S ENDORSEMENT MAKES PUBLIC WHAT WE HAVE
KNOWN FOR SOME TIME AND PUTS PARTY ON RECORD THAT BAHAMAS IS
EXPECTING "SUBSTANTIAL CONSIDERATION" FOR CONTINUED USE OF
BASES. LINKAGE BETWEEN THIS "SUBSTANTIAL CONSIDERATION" AND
"SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURES" IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED
NATIONAL SECURITY FORCE IS THE ONLY NEW ISSUE.
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